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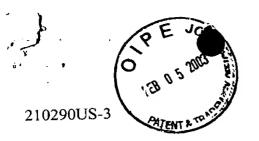
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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2873

FOR: FIXING STRUCTURE FOR PARTS

OF OPTICAL ELEMENT, IMAGE DATA INPUT UNIT AND IMAGE DATA INPUT APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 5, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to read as follows:1

Page 13, lines 7-17, please replace the paragraph as follows:

As shown in Fig. 1, an image data input unit 1 comprises a lens 3 as part of an optical element, an intermediate holding member 5 and a housing 2, as a base member, where the lens 3 has an edge surface 3a which is one side surrounding a light path where a light beam as image data information from a document surface passes, and the intermediate holding



¹A marked-up copy of the changes made in this amendment are attached.